

SSB 6002 - S AMD 555

By Senators Hobbs, Hatfield

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1 On page 78, line 15, increase the general fund--federal
2 appropriation by \$13,518,000

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4 On page 78, line 21, increase the skilled nursing facility safety
5 net trust account--state appropriation by \$22,479,000

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7 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

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9 On page 78, line 28, after "exceed" strike "\$171.58" and insert
10 "~~(\$171.58)~~\$178.82"

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12 On page 79, line 9, after "(a)" strike "Within" and insert "For
13 fiscal year 2014 within"

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15 On page 79, beginning on line 16, insert "For fiscal year 2015
16 within funds provided, the department shall continue to provide an
17 add-on per medicaid resident day per facility not to exceed \$3.15. The
18 add-on shall be used to increase wages, benefits, and/or staffing
19 levels for certified nurse aides; or to increase wages and/or benefits
20 for dietary aides, housekeepers, laundry aides, or any other category
21 of worker whose statewide average dollars-per-hour wage was less than
22 \$17 in calendar year 2012, according to cost report data."

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24 On page 79, line 24, after "excluding" insert "the low wage worker
25 add-on, the direct care add-on found in subsection (1) (g) of this
26 section,"

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1 On page 79, line 33, after "excluding" insert "the low wage worker
2 add-on, the direct care add-on found in subsection (1) (g) of this
3 section,"

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5 On page 80, line 11, after "(c)," strike "and (d)" and insert
6 "~~((and (d)))~~ (d), and (g)"

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8 On page 80, after line 12, insert the following:
9 "(g) For fiscal year 2015, the department shall provide a direct
10 care rate add-on applied evenly cross all nursing facilities of no
11 more than six percent of the direct care payment rate calculated
12 according to chapter 74.46, RCW. This subsection (g) is not subject to
13 the reconciliation and settlement process provided in 74.46.022(6)."

14 EFFECT: The nursing home assessment fee is increased from the current 4 percent to 5.82 percent on total revenues. This results in an increase to the fee from \$14/per patient day to approximately \$21/per patient day. Federal revenue which is leveraged with the assessment fee is used to increase nursing home rates by \$7.24 on average per day. Of that, \$1.58 per day is directed to the low wage worker add-on. The remainder is provided to a direct care vendor rate increase of no more than six percent applied evenly to all facilities.

FISCAL EFFECT: Increases Other Funds by \$35,997,000.

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